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A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Hydro-Electric Schemes

Investigation of the Papanasam Reservoir scheme.

*865 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF SINGAMPATTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the investigation of the Papanasam Reservoir scheme in the Tinnevelly district stands at present;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to make it serviceable as an irrigation project also; and if not, why not;

(*c*) whether the Government will consider the advisability of making the project suitable for supplementing ordinary irrigation on the Tambraparni River; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to place all the material papers connected with the subject on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member presumably refers to the Papanasam Hydro-electric scheme. If so, his attention is invited to the answers to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of question No. 664.

(*c*) This can be considered only after it is definitely decided to proceed with the scheme to develop electric power.

(*d*) The scheme is still under consideration and the papers cannot be placed on the Council table at this stage.

Mr. DANIEL THOMAS:—"May I know, Sir, whether in view of the frequent failures of crops in the Tinnevelly district the Government do not consider the scheme as one of urgent necessity?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"My hon. Friend presumably is referring to the question of irrigation. Hydro-electricity has nothing to do with the failure of crops."

Jails

Water-supply in jails.

*866 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether complaints have been made to Government that the wells in all the jails except Rajahmundry contain only polluted water; and

(*b*) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the quality of water-supply in these jails?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is apparently referring to paragraph 3 of Part II (*d*) of the report of the King Institute, Guindy, for 1927–28 and paragraph 9 of G.O. No. 1916, P.H., dated 18th September 1928. A report has been called for.